

Awendaw Passage/ Palmetto Trail



Francis Marion National Forest



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The Palmetto Trail now extends to the Intracoastal Waterway. In March 2002, a seven-mile trail was opened, extending the trail from the Buck Hall Recreation Area in McClellanville to the Swamp Fox Trailhead on Highway 17.

This trail can be accessed from either the Buck Hall Recreation Area, the Awendaw Canoe Launch Trailhead or the Swamp Fox Trailhead. Starting from Buck Hall Recreation Area, the first five miles of trail follow the creek through piney sand ridges, live oak-shaded passages and across tidal creeks with views of the marsh and Intracoastal Waterway.

Surrounding Area:

- Buck Hall Recreation Area
- South Tibwin Plantation
- Sewee Visitor and Environmental Education Center

For more information:

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Sewee Visitor and Environmental Education Center

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Hours: Wednesday-Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Directions:

To access from Buck Hall Recreation Area (fee area), from Charleston, take US Highway 17 North to Buck Hall Landing Road (FS 242). Turn right to the recreation area. Buck Hall is about 30 miles north of Charleston.

To access from from Awendaw Passage Trailhead, from Charleston, take US Highway 17 North to Rosa Green Road. Turn right on Rosa Green Road. The trailhead is on the left where the paved road ends.

To access from the Swamp Fox Trailhead, from Charleston, take U.S. Highway 17 North to Steed Creek Road (SC Route 133-S) in Awendaw. Just beyond Steed Creek Road, the trailhead will be on the left. Hike in 0.5 miles on the Swamp Fox trail and fork to the right to start the Awendaw Passage terminating at Buck Hall Recreation Area.

Difficulty Level: Easy

Length: Seven miles

Surface: Unsurfaced, grassy

Fees: \$5 parking fee applies at Buck Hall

Season: Year round. Fall, winter and spring are recommended.

Safety: During temperate months, be prepared for biting insects and high temperatures. During hunting seasons, wear highly visible clothing.

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